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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Saturday, February 15, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the February 7, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which will remain closed:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

<u>All those waters in Alligator Bay</u> bordered on the north by a line beginning at a point 34° 31.1227′ N - 77° 22.3142′ W on the mainland, running southerly near Beacon "15" to a point 34° 31.0527′ N - 77° 22.2654′ W on North Topsail Beach, near Galleon Bay; and bordered on the south by the North Topsail Beach High-rise Bridge.

New River – All those waters in New River upstream of the Highway 172 Bridge.

All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland, between IWW Beacon "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "55" (34° 38.5749'N - 77° 10.8033' W), to include Queens Creek and White Oak River.

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge and the Morehead-Beaufort Causeway, to include all tributaries and Core Creek.

<u>North River – All those waters in North River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0101.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the N.C. Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
- D. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Stump Sound, Salliers Bay, Freeman Creek, Bear Creek, Cow Channel, Bogue Sound, and Ward Creek.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Stephen W. Murphey, Director

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